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Mr. Jüri Raus
6508 Osborn Rd.
Hyattsville, Md.
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

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Re: Heine vs. Raus & Põdrang

We have been retained by Mr. Eerik Heine to act on behalf of him in the matter aforesaid.

Mr. Heine has informed us that you have accused him of being a communist agent. He further informed us that your allegations are founded on the information received from the F.B.I.. We have in our files a letter from John Edgar Hoover, the Director of F.B.I. dated Dec. 18th., 1963 and Mr. Heine is able to produce a number of witnesses on behalf of himself to refute your allegations.

Hence Mr. Heine requests that you insert the following official apology in these Estonian newspapers: Meie Elu, Vaba Eestlane, Vaba Eesti Sona, Eesti Post & Voitleja:

Avalik Vabandus

Mina, Jüri Raus, avaldan avaliku vabanduse ltn. Eerik Heine ees, võttes õigeks, et minu poolt avaldatud teadanne nagu oleks Eerik Heine kommunistlik agent, ja nagu oleks sama Eerik Heine väga kahtlane isik, ei vasta tõsioludele.

Kinnitan, et minul pole mingisuguseid süüdistusi ltn. Eerik Heine vastu.

Jüri Raus

The official apology should be inserted on the front page of the newspapers aforesaid. Unless you insert the official apology aforesaid in the newspapers mentioned on or before the first day of March, 1964, Mr. Heine will have to take such legal steps as he may deem necessary to protect his honour & reputation.

Yours very truly,

Harry Landra

HL/ml

Public Apology

I, Jüri Raus, declare a public apology to Mr. Eerik Heine, accepting, that announcement made by me, as if Eerik Heine were a communist agent and as if the same Eerik Heine were a very suspicious person, does not correspond to truthful facts. I assure, that I have ~~no~~ no accusations of any kind against Mr. Eerik Heine.

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A list of persons (LEL Chapter leaders)
contacted by phone in connection with Heine.

Anttila Kurjel - 2937 Cloverbarn Rd Hamburg, N.Y.
trustworthy - will not testify against me

Robert Leis - 945 E 72nd St Chicago
probably trustworthy - an older man

Andreas Trans - 6495 Big Green Pkwy, Cleveland
trustworthy

Thomas Rumben - Trenton, Michigan
probably trustworthy

Fred Tamman - Aldrich Estates, Farmingdale N.Y.
trustworthy

August Kadaja - 2049 Austin St. Oakland, Calif.
probably trustworthy - has since resigned
because of local conflicts

Ervin Soot - 1304 S.W. Falcon St. Portland
probably trustworthy

Tarmo Laas - Myers Corners Rd. Wappingers Falls N.Y.
trustworthy

Juhan Hannibal - 3810 Aurora Ave. Seattle, Wash.
probably trustworthy -

John Aab - 1128 1/2 Elden Ave. Los Angeles 6, Calif.
probably trustworthy, but could be swayed possibly

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August Kieklaue - 1717 St. Thomas Ave.

questionable - there have been differences of opinion about his views on ~~anti~~ ^{anti} semitism. He seems to regard actions by government agencies as ~~of~~ having ulterior motive and is inclined to believe Heine. May have some contacts with Keerd.

Other than LEL Chapter leaders.

Vello Rumbek - 684 Main St Manchester, Conn.
trustworthy.

Karl Hoan - Orchard St. Millis, Mass.
probably trustworthy - movie showing in Boston area was cancelled.

Gustav Oikarinen - 10717 Katherine St. Taylor Michigan
trustworthy

There were two series of phone calls.

1. Preceded the visit by Heine to each locale from May to Nov. 1963 - the context of the call was that I as the LEL commander with other leaders of the Estonian Society have been advised by the government that Heine is to be regarded as an agent of the KGB.

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Therefore it is recommended that people who come in touch with him be very careful, avoid discussing the local affairs etc. It was also requested that a report on Heine's visit be sent to me. If any doubt FBI could be contacted.

The second series followed the LEL council decision of 9 Nov. 1963 - through Nov and Dec.

It was announced that a meeting was held in New York with the following decision: Since Heine is under suspicion it is decided that any contacts, such as letters, telegrams, invitations etc. to him from membership is against the principles of LEL and should be discontinued immediately.

Correspondence

A personal note (in pencil) was sent to Meena Molgi (8-05 114th St. College Point, N.Y.) who at that time resided in Minneapolis. This was in July 1963 preceding Heine's visit there. The context of the note was that there are rumors in New York that Heine is a suspicious character and could be an enemy agent. Therefore it would be advisable to be very careful. Since I don't know anyone in Minneapolis Molgi was asked to relay this to local leaders and also report to me on Heine's visit.

Molgi has made big fuss with this note, accused me of false accusations etc.

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A few letters were exchanged with August Kodaja on speculation how Heine might have become an agent. Kodaja was advised to burn these letters and Ras said to have done so.

The meeting in New York 9 Nov 1963.

Present were LEL Council: Raus, Tamman, Vallaite,

Lipping, Karema, Karp, Milles, Kool

LEL Inventory Commission: Andresson, Raag, Pörn

N.Y. Chapter: Keerd, Derrick, Kinnapas, Kruus,

Allikas, Parming, Eck

Mediator: Kurgvel

Some highlights: Keerd admitted being a people's justice in Estonia and the primary contact for Heine in USA.

I made the statement: "I have been advised by government agency that Heine is an agent of the KGB". Vallaite said that stories like the Estonian Red started the rumor are false because interest in Heine was felt by a government agency already some years ago.

N.Y. Chapter held a meeting and agreed to break off contacts with Heine and discontinue agitation against me.